

atom(s) or group(s) present on the transition metal complex in its higher oxidation state is a

a1 halogen.--

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the Abstract with the following Abstract:

--Initiators for Atom Transfer Radical Polymerization are provided, which allow the

a2 preparation of a range of copolymers including block, graft, and bottlebrush copolymers,
organic/inorganic hybrid composite copolymers and copolymers incorporating natural based
polymeric materials.--

BASIS FOR THE AMENDMENTS

Support for the new claims is found in the specification and claims as originally filed.

No new matter is believed to have been introduced to the application by entry of the
amendments. Upon entry of the amendments, Claims 68-115 will be active. Entry and
favorable consideration are respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully submit that the above-identified application is now in
condition for examination on the merits, and early notice of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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